



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

DENG et al.

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For: "METABOLIC ENGINEERING FOR
ENHANCED PRODUCTION OF
CHITIN AND CHITOSAN IN
MICROORGANISMS"

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE MISSING PARTS

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) of two (2) months in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed June 17, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for submission of missing parts from August 17, 2004, to October 17, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$430 as payment of the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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